

424 Wheeler Hall
11 July 1949

Mr. William H. Courtney, Secy.
Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce
1151 S. Broadway
Los Angeles 15, California

Dear Mr. Courtney:

A colleague and I are engaged in writing a history of events in California in the months following the attack on Pearl Harbor. We are interested in the ways in which, among other things, various public and private organizations participated in the war effort and assisted public officials to formulate and carry out policies. One phase of this was the evacuation of enemy aliens and Japanese from the coast.

I understand that your Chamber of Commerce passed a resolution in December of 1941 calling for the removal from the coast, for reasons of public safety, of the Japanese.

I would like to have a copy of this resolution, if it is not too much trouble.

Sincerely

Edward N. Barnhart
Assistant professor

424 Wheeler Hall
26 July 1949

Mrs. L. McMahon, Research Director
California State Chamber of Commerce
San Francisco, California

Dear Mrs. McMahon:

Thank you very much for the opportunity to talk with you the other day about the Japanese evacuation and the role of various groups in it. I appreciate it very much.

I understood you to say, among other things, that the California State Chamber of Commerce did not pass any resolution or go on record with regard to the evacuation of enemy aliens of Japanese. I have not found any indications that it did so. Unless you find some evidence to the contrary we will assert that such was the case: that it did not go on record, one way or another, with regard to the evacuation.

You gave me a list of Agricultural Organizations.
(Group 1, of Part 1 of your Directory of Trade Associations, etc.)

We would like to know the names of the house organs or journals or periodicals published by these groups so that we can examine them for their stand, if any, on evacuation in the months following Pearl Harbor.

Could you give us this information, or tell us where we can get it? Does your library receive them?

Sincerely

Edward N. Barnhart
Assistant Professor



CALIFORNIA STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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July 27, 1949

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Mr. Edward N. Barnhart, Assistant Professor,
Department of Speech,
University of California,
424 Wheeler Hall,
Berkeley, 4, California.

Dear Mr. Barnhart:

We have checked the records of the minutes of our Board of Directors, and find that they took no position whatsoever with respect to the evacuation of the Japanese from this coast in the first instance. Following is a complete record of the actions which this organization did take, namely:

- May 28, 1943. In this time of war and the condition of the public mind following "Pearl Harbor", it is the opinion of the Chamber that great care should be exercised in the disposition of Japanese now in relocation centers. Recommendation approved.
- June 25, 1943 Moved, seconded, and carried that Board go on record as opposed to return of Japanese to California for duration of the war.
- Oct. 29, 1943 As result of a recommendation from a Committee of the Sacramento Valley Council of the Chamber, relating to deportation of Japanese aliens and those of dual citizenship, at the close of the war, it was moved, seconded, and carried that a special committee of the Board be appointed to study the problem and report to the Board at a subsequent date.
- Dec. 3, 1943 Appeal to the Board to support transfer of Tule Lake camp to United States Army. Moved, seconded, and carried that recommendation of Committee Chairman, namely that problem of Tule Lake camp should be left in hands of constituted authorities, in line with following policies, namely: (1) that Japanese,

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Mr. Barnhart - page two

regardless of citizenship, should not be allowed at large in California during the war, and (2) that protection of the state should be left to armed forces, be adopted.

May 25, 1945 Following recommendation of special Committee on Japanese problem approved: That the State Chamber of Commerce urge the Federal Government to reconsider its proposal to close the Japanese relocation centers as of a fixed date, and proceed with an orderly program of returning the occupants to civilian life in a manner best adapted to the welfare of the occupants of the centers, and to the communities to which they will return, without reference to a date deadline at the end of this year.

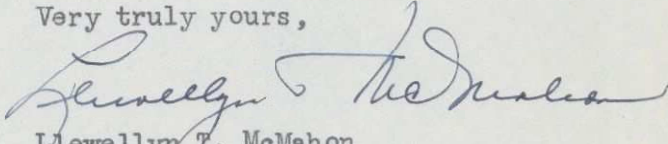
Sept. 7, 1945 Special committee to study Japanese problems in California, postwar, was discharged, as the problems which had confronted the state in relation thereto had been removed by recent order of War Department terminating wartime military control of persons of Japanese ancestry.

Now as to your second question concerning publications by the various agricultural organizations. Following are the only ones we know:

Almond Facts, published by the Almond Growers Exchange
California Grange News, published by the California State Grange
California Farm Bureau Monthly, published by the California Farm Bureau Federation
Citrus Leaves, published by the Mutual Orange Distributors
Diamond Walnut News, published by the California Walnut Growers Ass'n
California Wool Grower, published by the California Wool Growers Ass'n
Nulaid News, published by Poultry Producers of Central California
Sunsweet Standard, published by California Prune and Apricot Growers Ass'n

Although we do receive most of these publications, we do not keep any of them long enough to have the copies in which you would be interested. We suspect that many of the agricultural organizations also issued bulletins to their members or some similar publications, which we would not have.

Very truly yours,


Llewellyn T. McMahon
Research Department

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for the

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February 24, 1950

Mr. Edward N. Barnhart, Assistant Professor
Department of Speech
University of California
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Mr. Barnhart:

I resigned from the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce last summer. My duties there kept me working very long hours seven days a week, up until the last minute before I left. I expected to have a vacation, during which I wanted to clean up a number of items of correspondence, personal business, etc., but as yet have not had the vacation because I was asked immediately to help organize the Southern California Committee for the Hoover Report.

Last night, months after I expected to do so, I finished cleaning up some files of papers, reports, and other matters which had been put aside until I could get to them. I was shocked to find that included among these papers was your letter of July 11, 1949, asking me whether you might obtain a copy of a resolution passed by the Los Angeles Chamber in 1941 calling for the removal from the coast of the Japanese.

Attached to the letter and completely covering it (thus explaining how it got mis-filed with reports, rather than in my correspondence docket, long since cleaned up) was a memorandum from my former secretary, to whom I apparently gave your letter on its receipt, in which she stated that the records indicated that such a resolution was passed in 1942, but apparently was stated only in general terms at a meeting of the Board; that "no amount of dredging" on the part of herself or the young lady who has been secretary of the Board for many years could bring to light any written resolution.

I do not personally recall the incident and was not present at the Board meeting when the resolution was adopted, it being before the time when I was Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

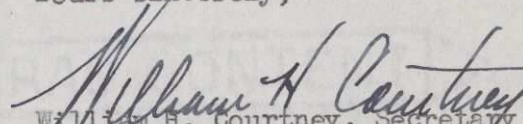
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If the point is still germane, I will be happy to make some phone calls for you to see if anything more can be "dredged up." However, the two young ladies who made the search are about as thorough as any folks I know.

Yours sincerely,


William H. Courtney, Secretary
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COMMITTEE
FOR THE HOOVER REPORT

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University of California,
Berkeley, 4, California.

Dear Mr. Barnhart:

This time I'm afraid we can be of less help than last time,
if possible. To answer your questions in order:

1. We do not have a copy of the Los Angeles Chamber report
of May, 1943. The only source I can suggest is the Los
Angeles Chamber, 1151 S. Broadway, Los Angeles. If their
filing system is anything like ours, it is just possible
that they can still find one in the archives somewhere.

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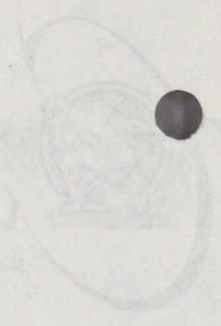
2. The first Directory of Trade Associations which we pub-
lished was in 1946, and we would have no way of knowing
how many such groups were in existence in 1942.

3. As to Chambers of Commerce, we were not doing a directory
in 1942, and do not keep records of the number on our mailing
list for any length of time. An unofficial guess, based en-
tirely on my own personal experience with the chamber of com-
merce list through the last several years, would be that the
number does not change significantly through the years. New
ones are organized constantly, but old ones seem to die off
or become inactive or dormant at approximately the same rate.

4. I'm completely confused as to which Directory you have
with an August, 1949, date. There have been three editions
of the Trade Association Directory, April, 1946, November,
1947, and December, 1949. The last issue of the Chamber
Directory was June, 1949. I'm sending, under separate
cover, the latest edition of the Trade Association one, and
putting your name on the list to get the new Chamber one
when it is available in the near future.

Very truly yours,
Llewellyn T. McMahon
Llewellyn T. McMahon
Research Department

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OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
JANUARY 20, 1931

TO THE HONORABLE THE SENATE
AND THE HONORABLE THE ASSEMBLY
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN RESPONSE TO A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE SENATE
AND THE ASSEMBLY, JANUARY 15, 1931

I, the undersigned, have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the above-mentioned resolution, and to inform you that the same has been referred to the proper authorities for their consideration.

The undersigned has the honor to inform you that the same has been referred to the proper authorities for their consideration.

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Dear Mr. Barnhart:

In reply to your letter of
November 24th we are enclosing herewith a
copy of a resolution adopted by the Board
of Directors of this association February 3,
1942.

Very truly yours,

Assie L. Ogston
Secretary to the Board
of Directors.

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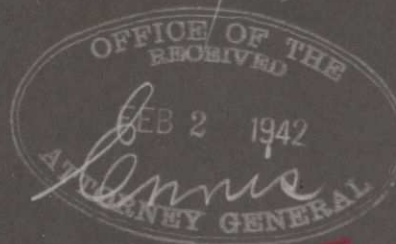
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TELEPHONE SEVEN SIX ONE ONE

HOME OF THE CALIFORNIA RODEO, FAIR AND STOCK SHOW

SALINAS, CALIFORNIA

January 31st, 1942



Honorable Francis Biddle
Attorney General
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

PERSONAL

1 There is so much being said in the press regarding the Japanese situation, that I thought you would be interested in the enclosed copies of information which I have prepared for the District Attorney of Monterey County and the Attorney General of the state of California.

2 Undoubtedly, there are some very loyal Japanese, but the difficulty is to separate them from those who have sworn allegiance to Japan and those who are definitely working in the interests of Japan.

3 There is no question but what the young native born Japanese who is not loyal to this country, is of greater menace than the old native alien born Japanese.

Yours very truly,

Fred S. McCargar
Fred S. McCargar, Secretary
SALINAS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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To Date 10.35 "

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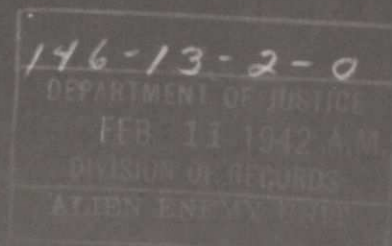
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November 28, 1950

Mr. Edward N. Barnhart
424 Wheeler Hall
University of California
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Mr. Barnhart:

Your letter of November 21st addressed to
Mr. T. J. Brodhead has been referred to the
writer for reply.

We are glad to inform you that there is a
Lake-Washington Association in Pasadena. The
President of this association is Don L. Cobb,
whose address is 1380 North Lake Avenue, Pasadena
6, California. The Secretary is Robert Anderson.

If we can be of further service, please do
not hesitate to call on us.

Yours very truly,

Edwin C. Heath

Edwin C. Heath, Manager
Business & Industrial
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VENTURA CHAMBER of COMMERCE

The Poinsettia City by the Sea Ventura California

November 28, 1950

Mr. Edward N. Barnhart
University of California
424 Wheeler Hall
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Mr. Barnhart:

We received your letter of November 24 this morning relative to a resolution passed by our Board of Directors in January, 1942.

We wish to advise you that since January, 1942, the Ventura Chamber of Commerce has had at least three different managers and has moved three or four times. Therefore, we have no record at all of the resolution.

We are sorry that we are unable to supply you with the requested information.

Sincerely,

VENTURA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Gloria Loftus

(Mrs.) Gloria Loftus
Information Secretary

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En la region de San Buenaventura

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The Mission of
San Buenaventura
Founded in 1782

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Some of Deepest Pro-
ducing Oil Wells in
the World

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Walnut Production

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Public Beaches

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Twenty Minutes Drive to
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Padres National Forest



TACOMA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Tacoma, Washington

November 29, 1950

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Mr. Edward N. Barnhart,
Assistant Professor
Department of Speech
University of California
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Mr. Barnhart:

Since our organization does not act by resolution, no such formal statement was issued in 1942.

In January of that year, by action of the Board of Directors, letters were addressed to the Washington State Congressional delegation and the F.B.I. urging that enemy aliens be evacuated. In checking our Board of Directors minutes, we find references to the question as it pertained to our local problem. In March of 1942, the Board addressed a letter to General DeWitt stating that it believed his evacuation order sound and that our organization concurred in his order.

Very truly yours,

E. R. Fetterolf
E. R. Fetterolf, Manager

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SALINAS
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

505 SOUTH MAIN ST.
SALINAS, CALIFORNIA

December 26, 1950

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Edward N. Barnhart,
Asst. Professor
Department of Speech
424 Wheeler Hall
University of California
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Mr. Barnhart:

Since your first letter of November 24 we have been trying to find the answer to the information requested on action taken in Salinas calling for evacuation of enemy aliens.

I believe that some action of this character was proposed by informal groups, and because of the fervor of war some formal action might have been taken particularly in view of the fact that our Tank Company was on Corrigador and made the famous march.

We have searched our records and cannot find anything that relates to this matter. However, should you desire to come here and go through the files of the Salinas Californian you might secure the answer.

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Yours very truly,

Fred C. Tatton
Manager

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TULARE COUNTY

CHAMBER *of* COMMERCE

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GEN. SHERMAN

April 30, 1951.



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WINTER SPORTS

Mr. Edward N. Barnhart,
Asst. Professor,
Dept. of Speech,
University of California,
424 Wheeler Hall,
Berkeley 4, California.

Dear Mr. Barnhart:

Replying to your letter of April 26th, regarding
Mr. J. Zimmerman, we would suggest that you write
to Mr. Edwin Ropes, Editor, Woodlake Echo, Woodlake,
whom we believe may be able to help you locate
Mr. Zimmerman.



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Sincerely,

Harold G. Rainwater
L.B.

Harold G. Rainwater,
Secretary-Manager.



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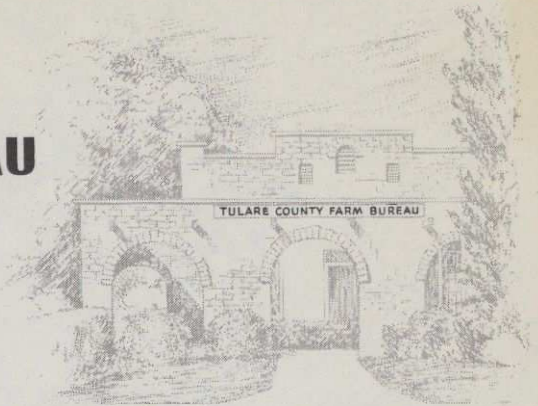


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TULARE COUNTY FARM BUREAU

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VISALIA, CALIFORNIA
May 7, 1951



ADOBE BUILDING BUILT IN 1926
BY FARM BUREAU MEMBERS

Sent April 16

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Edward N. Barnhart, Assistant Professor
Department of Speech
University of California
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Professor Barnhart:

In response to your request, we are submitting herewith the names of the President and Secretary of the County Farm Bureau and the Chairman and Secretary of the Dinuba and Orosi-Orange Cove Farm Centers.

Tulare County Farm Bureau:

President Charles Hamilton
Rt 2 Box 744, Visalia
Secretary Sarah R. Smith
P. O. Box 748, Visalia

Dinuba Farm Bureau Center:

Chairman John Hofer
Rt 1 Box 198, Dinuba
Secretary Mrs. Earl S. Leisz
Rt 1 Box 178, Dinuba

Orosi-Orange Cove Farm Bureau Center:

Chairman Alfred Anderson
Sultana, California
Secretary Mrs. C. A. Ridgway
Rt 1 Box 172, Dinuba

Sincerely yours,

Sarah R. Smith
Sarah R. Smith, Secretary
Tulare County Farm Bureau

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May 14, 1951

Mr. Edward N. Barnhart, Assistant Professor,
Department of Speech,
424 Wheeler Hall,
University of California,
Berkeley, 4, California.

Dear Mr. Barnhart:

My sincere apologies for not having answered your letter before this, but by one of those mischances which occur in the best regulated establishments, it got mixed up in the mail room with the ballots for election of directors of this organization, and has been reposing in the ballot box until same was opened this morning.

I have checked with the California Cattlemen's Association, and am advised that the following gentlemen are secretaries of the three county associations about which you requested that information:

Fresno County Cattlemen's Association - Orvin L. Hackett,
Sanger, California.

Kern County Cattlemen's Association - James C. Beagle,
2730 L Street, Bakersfield, California

Tulare County Cattlemen's Association - Ralph L. Jones,
1411 - 2nd Street, Porterville, California

The California Cattlemen's Association has never heard of the Deer Creek Livestock group, nor have we, so I regret that we cannot be of any assistance in that connection.

Very truly yours,

Llewellyn T. McMahon
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Research Department

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PORTLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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May 16, 1951

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Mr. Edward N. Barnhart,
Assistant Professor
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University of California
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Mr. Barnhart:

This will acknowledge your letter of May 9 in connection with the study you are making of recent West Coast history.

We have in Oregon slightly over 150 co-operative farm marketing organizations. The great majority of these co-operative organizations are affiliated with all-over marketing groups relating to their particular commodities. For example, the North Pacific Cannery and Packers, Inc., is the co-operative marketing agent for a great number of co-operative canners throughout the area. The Northwest Nut Growers Association markets the production from numerous smaller processing units. The same thing is true in the dairy field, as well as other lines of production.

We have in Oregon three farm organizations which are:
Oregon State Grange, 1135 S. E. Salmon St., Portland 14, Elmer McClure, Master; Oregon Farm Bureau Federation, Salem, Oregon, Marshall Swearingen, President; Oregon Farmers Union, Salem, Oregon, Ronald Jones, President.

In addition to the marketing associations and the farm organizations we, of course, have commodity organizations such as the Oregon Dairymen's Association, Oregon Cattlemen's Association, Wheat Growers League and many others - one for practically every major producer group - which concern themselves with production problems, legislation and other factors affecting their respective industries.

Trusting this will provide the desired information and asking you to call on us again if we may be of further help, I am

Yours very truly,

K. W. Sawyer, Manager
AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT

KWS:mtk

write
22 May

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how many local
C of C?

PORTLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

PORTLAND 4, OREGON,

MEMBER
OF
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

824 S. W. FIFTH AVENUE

CABLE ADDRESS: PORTOREGON

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May 25, 1951

Mr. Edward N. Barnhart,
Assistant Professor
Department of Speech
University of California
Berkeley 4, California

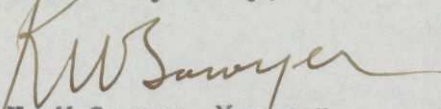
Dear Mr. Barnhart:

Answering yours of May 22, we have in Oregon a total of 89 Chambers of Commerce. There is no State Chamber of Commerce in Oregon, and inasmuch as Portland is the only large city in the state, we attempt to fill the role of a State Chamber insofar as possible.

I regret that I do not know exactly how many organizations there are in the state that might be termed strictly development associations, but would estimate that there are at least eight or ten organizations such as the Oregon Reclamation Congress, Northwest Development Association, Willamette Valley Project ^{Committee} and similar groups.

Trusting this will provide the desired information, I am

Yours very truly,



K. W. Sawyer, Manager
AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT

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KARL CHRISTIERSON, President

ARCH B. BALSLEY, Secretary

Soledad Chamber of Commerce

Booster for the Central Salinas Valley

SOLEDAD, CALIFORNIA

University of California
Evacuation & Resettlement Study
207 Giannini Hall,
Berkeley, Calif.

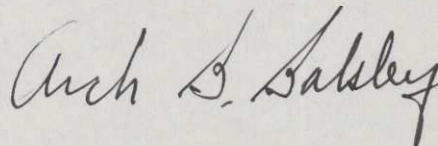
Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of May 24th to the Clerk, City of Soledad, the writer has been instructed to write you as follows:

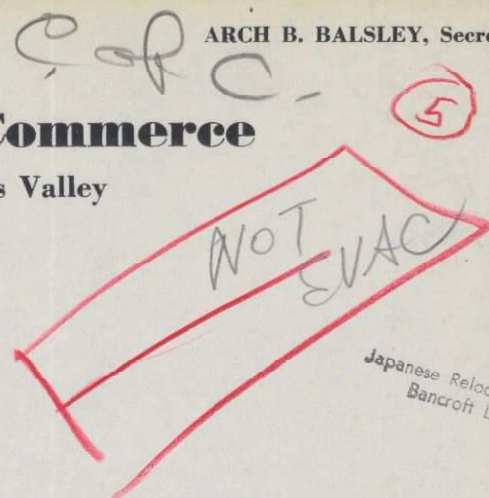
"The Soledad Chamber of Commerce at its regular meeting held in February unanimously passed a resolution urging our representatives in the State Legislature and the Congress of the United States to support those proposed laws that would provide for the absolute denial of Citizenship rights to citizens of Japan or any of their decendents. Furthermore, they urged the return to Japan immediately after the war all Japanese whether Citizens of the United States of America or aliens and furthermore that all land now owned by such Japanese be returned to other than Japanese residents of the United States of America".

This if for your information.

Very truly yours,



Arch B. Balsley
Secretary.
SOLEDAD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



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Chambers of Commerce

In California, according to a publication of the State Chamber of Commerce, there are ³⁶31 County chambers of commerce and somewhat over 400 city chambers.

Grodzins, relying on mail to Congressmen and Tolan Report (apparently) indicates that 3 counties favored evacuation, and 9 cities and towns.

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J Grodzins notes on interview with Read of L.A. C. of C are included here. note: he omits from MSS and book first paragraph of interview in which Read denies economic motives in evacuation effort by C. of C.

CALIFORNIA COUNTY C OF C

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San Benito

Feb. 11

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Tolan 11238

Gr.36

Fresno

Feb. 20

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Gr.36

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Grodzins 36

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California City C of C.

<u>December</u>		<u>Grodzins</u>	<u>Item in</u>	<u>Tolan</u>
	22 Agric.Comm, Los Angeles	<u>page</u> 36	<u>this file</u>	
<u>January</u>				
	29 <u>San Luis Obispo</u>	36	(6) JJ	
	31 <u>Salinas</u> <i>Definitely known</i> <i>Dept of Justice</i>	35		
<u>February</u>				
	3 <u>Pasadena</u> <i>Def (2)</i>	36	(7)	
	11 <u>Colton</u> <i>Def (3)</i>	36	(1) JJ	
<i>Date?</i>	20 <u>Ventura</u>	36		
<i>Date?</i>	21 <u>Ivanhoe</u>	36		
	23 <u>Laguna Beach</u> - <i>remove from county</i>	36	(3)	
	26 <u>Whittier</u> <i>Def (4)</i>	o	o	<i>LA Times Feb 27</i>
<i>Date?</i>	<u>Pasadena-Lakeview Bus, News Area</u>	56	o	
<i>Date?</i>	<u>Los Angeles</u>	37	(8)	
	Los Angeles testimony - Tolan 11681	11681		
	Howard Miller, Manager, Agricultural Dept. testimony			

"We believe that they should...be moved from areas that are agreed upon by the Army. They should be the determining body as to the areas from which their movement should take place and sould be the ones to decide the areas where they should be resettled.

Estimated removal would not "seriously disrupt the (vegetable) market."

Agricultural Labor Committee of the State Chamber -

decision should be
final evacuation left to federal authorities. Chronicle Feb. 27.

*passed
Labe Wash,*Japanese Relocation Papers
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The State Chambers of Commerce of California, Oregon and Washington did not pass resolutions favoring the evacuation of enemy aliens or Japanese Americans (1)

(1) Interview with Director of Research Dept., California State Chamber of Commerce, San Francisco, 24 July 1949;

In California in 1950 there were 36 county chambers of commerce ~~and~~ ~~of~~ development associations and ~~city~~ city chambers. (2)

*civic federations
improvement
associations
and the like)*

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(2) "Directory; Chambers of Commerce and Similar Organizations in California" (San Francisco: California State Chamber of Commerce, September 1950)

The number existing in 1940-42 is not known exactly, ~~the~~ the State Chamber did not issue a directory until 1946 but in all likelihood the number was not significantly different from the figure for 1950. (3)

(3) "An unofficial guess...would be that the number does not change significantly through the years. New ones are organized constantly but old ones seem to die off or become inactive or dormant at approximately the same rate." Letter from L.T. McMahon, Research Dept., State Chamber of Commerce, October 30, 1950.

Astoria C of C - W.W. Underwood See 11316-11321

"we would also like to see removed from that area the 2nd general J. (these are) from a dozen to 18 or 19" "We must get at least the 26 or 27 enemy Jap out of our area first." (11319-11320)

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Text of J.E. Klabre

Hood River C of C - (11329) lab ?

resol. remove all Japs

Astoria C of C

Feb 18

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11318

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urged removal of aliens in U.S.

to Pres T. D. R. Feb 14 + senators

Letter

To Secy.
Frank
Knox

"the great majority of public opinion in the area favors removal of these aliens."

Pres C of C stated in letter (11318) Feb 25

"all J. both naturalized & citizens should be removed, at least pending a thorough investigation of each of the individuals... as to their right to enjoy their citizenship."

Tolan

Letters

February

27

LeConner

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Olympia

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Tacoma

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Seattle

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8 city chambers of commerce passed resolutions on the Japanese matter.

Jan. 29 ~~San Luis Obispo~~ - San Luis Obispo

Feb. 4 - ~~Pasadena~~

Feb. 11 - Colton

20 - Ventura

21 - Ivanhoe

23 - Laguna Beach

26 - Whittier

Los Angeles

3 Pasadena

Pasadena - John Wash

~~San Luis Obispo~~

Luis Obispo

San ~~Pasadena~~ asked that "all Japanese both alien and American

born, in the interest of the safety and protection of this country" be removed from California and "held in such locations...so that they can be properly watched."

Colton asked that "all enemy aliens, all persons who acknowledge and claim dual citizenship with any enemy nation with which the United States is at war, and all other persons whose sympathies with enemy nations make them a potential menace and danger to the war effort of the American people."

Pasadena

Laguna Beach favored "the immediate removal of ALL Japanese from the County of Orange and that no more Japanese be brought into the County of Orange by the authorities during the pendency of the present emergency."

Whittier held that all enemy aliens and citizen Japanese be removed outside of California.. "Their presence is extremely dangerous to military installations, war production and defense of the coast." (L.A. Times Feb. 27)

Los Angeles favored "the movement of Japanese to an area 50 miles from the P.C. and the Mexican border and the employment of Japanese thus removed to the fullest possible extent"

In addition to these actions, the Salinas Chamber of Commerce
jointed with...

double

Also the Agricultural Committee of the Los Angeles Chamber
of Commerce in mid-December issued a report "Control of Japanese
Nationals and their Properties" in which they recommend

that all Japanese nationals and their property be
immediately placed under absolute Federal control;
and this be accomplished by internment of alien Japanese
residents here or by such other means as will regulate
their activities effectively and by direct government
control of their properties and businesses.

According to the committee, American-born Japanese,
freed of the domination of their alien elders will not be a threat.

*It says Lake Washington - Pasadena issue
did pass with evac. viol. as ans. to
my letter.*

Chambers of Commerce of 3 California counties expressed their opinions on the Japanese problem:

Feb. 11 - San Benito

Feb. 20 - Fresno

? - Kern (claimed by Gr. but not in files or Tolan)

✓ San Benito County C. of C. recommended that "the proper civil and military authorities...take immediate action to cause the removal of all enemy alien citizens and Japanese American Citizens from the entire Pacific coast area."

Fresno County C. of C. called for the removal from the coast of "all Japanese and aliens of other countries now at war with the United States" and urged that "American born Japanese who are loyal to the...United States be urged to lead the movement of their countrymen and alien enemies from the Pacific Coast to designated points beyond the possibility of sabotage." It noted "that the

✓ investigation of local, state and federal officers have unearthed an amazing amount of evidence... establishing clearly the presence of 5th column activities...and disloyalty among American-born Japanese creating a situation of a most explosive nature."

Grodzins (p.34) discusses work of Washington representative of L.A. Chamber.

Full analysis (p. 67)

[real name = chugabretsen]

Drake (IACC repr. in Washington) presented a resolution to congressmen meeting on January 30 and it was adopted as "Costello resolution":

WD be given control over enemy aliens
Mass evac. for enemy aliens
dual citizens: voluntary resettlement
federal assistance for needy

Gr.(35) states that Drake acted at behest of Larson.
(real name: Read). and quotes from Read's interview.

Quotes paragraph 2. Omits paragraph 1, 3 and 4.

Para. 1 I took a great deal of effort to help get the Japanese off the coast in 1942 and I've spent a good deal of time keeping them off the coast in 43. But I think the Japanese were good for the economy of California before they were removed and I think they will be good for the economy of the state when they come back. I will certainly not oppose their return after the war. I will fight hard to keep them away during the war, not for any economic reasons but solely because I am afraid of the consequences to both our military and industrial installations and to the Japanese themselves. The Japanese produced good products at low cost. They supplied real competition and competition made America what it is today. I would be the last person in the world to want to remove such competition. America lives on it.

Para. 3. (about keeping Japs out: visit with McCloy)

4. You will find no sentimentality and no racial bias in this office. The problem is to end this nasty business--I have two sons in it myself--and I intend to do everything in my power to contribute to the end as soon as possible. Japanese evacuation is a part of it and that's why I'm for it. Also that's why I am against the Japanese coming back while the war is being fought.

In Washington, of the county chambers and city chambers, there is no evidence to show that any county chamber expressed itself on the matter, while ³ city chambers expressed their views:

January - Tacoma

Feb. 2 - LaConner

Feb. ~~2~~ 26 - Olympia

According to the manager of the Tacoma C. of C.

In January (1942) by action of the Board of Directors, letters were addressed to the Washington State delegation and the FBI urging that enemy aliens be evacuated... In March, 1942, the Board addressed a letter to General DeWitt stating that it believed this evacuation order sound and that our organization concurred in his order.

(Nov. 29, 1950)

LaConner petitioned the Federal Government "to move all enemy aliens and citizens of Japanese descent inland from the Pacific coast area as a security measure against sabotage, racial disturbance, etc."

Olympia (Tolan 11610) called for the removal of "all Japanese and all enemy aliens... from the Pacific coast area." at the Tolan hearings on February 26.

The Seattle c also testified but asked only that the decision about the disposition of Japanese, German and Italian enemy aliens be made quickly.

In Oregon of the ... estimated county chambers and ...
city chambers, there is no evidence to show that any county
chamber passed a resolution on the Japanese affair, while there
is

evidence to show that 3 city chambers did.

✓ Feb. 25 - Astoria

Feb. 26 - Lower Columbia Chamber of Commerce *where get?*

✓ Feb. 27 Hood River.

Lower Columbia C of C., composed of c of c of the cities
of the area, recommended that all Japanese be moved inland 300
in a meeting at Astoria, Oregon
miles.

Hood River

Astoria C of C. sent a telegram to President Roosevelt on
February 14

Arrests of enemy aliens in this area indicate
possibility of sabotage of shipping and industrial
installations here. Strategic position of lower
Columbia area suggests that our shipping facilities
may all be sorely needed as Pacific war progresses.
All enemy aliens in this area now idle and a burden
to taxpayers. Most would welcome removal to areas
where they could safely be permitted employment.
All who object to removal should be removed anyway.
Business interests here therefore plead with
government to protect us from fifth column activities
such as pave way for all Axis successes. Public
opinion here unanimous in this regard.

The secretary, W.W. Underwood, testified at the Tolan hearings
February 26 (Tolan 11316) indicated that many Astorians were
alarmed over the possibility of sabotage by Japanese and left
from the city manager.
a letter as an exhibit stating that

In behalf of the officials of the city of Astoria
I wish to voice our protest against the policy of
permitting enemy aliens to reside unguarded and
unmolested within our community... Enemy aliens
should be removed from the community

The Japanese were apparently those referred to.